

GREAT FIRE IN BOSTON.

Four Million Dollars' Worth of Property Burned.

Several Lives Lost and Many Injured—The Fire Also a Big Hole in the Business Part of the City.

Boston, March 11.—One of the most destructive fires in the history of Boston, next in magnitude to the famous Great Fire of 1872, broke out at about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and before it was placed under control, three hours later, had burned over more than a square had reduced to ashes several of the magnificent new buildings recently completed in the territory around three and a half years ago, and had consumed property valued by a conservative estimate at \$4,500,000; had been attended by scenes of panic and distress never before equaled in the memory of citizens now living, and had destroyed several, perhaps many, human lives, and mangled or maimed at least thirty persons, some of whom will die of their injuries.

At 4:25 o'clock the alarm was sent from box 52. It was soon followed by a second and then a general alarm. The flames broke out in the top department of the Ames building, a Co., who the fifth and sixth floors of the seven-story building, corner of Essex and Lincoln streets, owned by F. L. Ames.

The cause is at present unknown, but the start is described by those nearest it as resembling the bursting of a fire-cracker. The flames spread with incredible rapidity, and in a very few moments the entire interior was burning. There were many employees of the Ames building at work at the time, and the other floors were sprinkled with human beings.

The usual avenues of escape were at once cut off, and then began a scramble for life which sickened beholders. The panic-stricken inmates fled to windows and roof. Some escaped by climbing down telegraph poles, others by leaping into blankets and nets. Several jumped to the pavement, six or eight others, and were terribly mangled, and others, how many can not now be told, fell back into the crowd of flames or were overcome by the dense black smoke which suffocated all who did not speedily escape. The entire fire department of the city was quickly on the scene with those from Somerville, Cambridge, Newton, Quincy and Brockton arriving later by train. Fortunately further help was not needed.

Van crows began at once to flock to the scene, and as a matter of precaution Gov. Russell ordered two companies of militia under arms and proceeded to the fire in person, where he was joined by Mayor Matthews. The fire spread rapidly from building to building, and despite the heroic efforts of the entire fire system of the county, was not controlled until the whole square bounded by Essex street on the north, Lincoln on the east, Tufts on the south and Kingston on the west had been leveled; also one building north of Essex street along Columbia street, three on the south side of Lincoln street and one corner of the United States hotel south of Tufts street, which corner contained the Emergency hospital.

The principal buildings burned were as follows:

Ames building, seven stories, corner Essex and Lincoln streets, where the fire started.

Lincoln institute, five stories, on opposite corner, on site of old Crystal Palace, occupied by the Singer Manufacturing Co. and a large number of other concerns.

Leffler building, 135 Essex street.

Brown-Burrell building, seven stories, corner of Essex and Kingston streets, burned from roof to fourth floor. The fireproof walls of this building stemmed the tide of the flames to the north.

Four-story brick building, corner of Columbia and Essex streets, occupied by Wall & Barlow, paper box manufacturers, and others.

United States hotel, slightly damaged.

Three-story building, between the Ames building and the United States hotel, occupied as a dwelling in the upper story and by small traders below.

The conflagration as viewed from a distance was grand. A dense pall of black smoke covered that part of the city and as darkness came on this was lighted up by the flames while occasionally tongues of fire and burning timber shot up volcano-like into the chimney mass.

Near by the scene was awful. While the Ames building was burning there were echoed explosions like firework, mingled with the hoarse shouts of firemen, the clanging and pumping of engines with the crashing of walls, the rushing from hurrying teams and the mingling of the vast crowd which soon gathered around and to and fro in everybody's way. The police service was admirable. The streets were promptly cordoned off and in the right sections.

The fires were under control in the way, and in many places lay in tangled masses. The crowd, however, had been turned off.

The employees of many large stores in the vicinity were on duty until the fire was under control ready to move out goods if necessary. Jordan, Marsh & Co. kept 2,000 men for that purpose.

Incoming trains from all directions were heavily loaded during the early evening, and probably over 50,000 outside helped to pack the streets in the vicinity while the fire was in progress.

A conservative estimate of the total loss is \$4,500,000. The insurance will amount to about \$4,000,000.

The saddest feature of the fire is the loss of life, which can not be definitely known, but the number of dead is thought to be at least twenty-five and many more greater.

The big Ames building, owned by Fred L. Ames, had several occupants. Part of the building was leased to Messrs. Partridge, the big dealer in drapery and small wares. This was his drapery department and the floors were packed to the roof with tops of all kinds. In one room was a big lot of the wares and they went off with a rush.

The cry of fire aroused all the employees, but before even those on the Ames could reach the stairs the flames had descended them. The horror of the situation cannot adequately be told. Within minutes the flames had spread down the stairs and rescued a score of persons in five minutes the flames were spreading from every window of

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DEMANDS REFUSED.

The Managers of the Thirty-Two Railroads Centering in Chicago Decline to Grant Any Increase Over the Present Scale of Wages Paid to Employees, and So Notify the Switchmen's Mutual Aid Association—The Road Will Act in Consequence.

CHICAGO, March 10.—Without a dissenting vote the general managers of the railroads entering Chicago determined, at their meeting this afternoon, to refuse any demands of the Switchmen's Mutual Aid association. An answer was sent to the switchmen by the general managers of thirty-two roads centering in Chicago declining to grant any increase over the present schedule of rates and enclosing the following resolution which was passed unanimously at the meeting:

Resolved, That this association has carefully examined the schedule of wages paid by the Chicago roads to foremen and helpers in switching service, and that it finds that the scale of wages paid on the Chicago roads is precisely uniform; and we find that the switchmen of Chicago and vicinity are now paid the highest rate over paid for a similar service, and higher than is paid in many localities. Further, that the revenue from freight and passenger traffic has constantly decreased and the cost of service has constantly increased to the extent that no advance in wages can be granted, and that no change can be made from the present schedule of rates affecting the compensation of men engaged in this service.

This answer was sent to the officers of the Switchmen's association yesterday afternoon and ends the trouble so far as the managers are concerned. The switchmen are now on strike, and the roads are in a state of confusion. The general managers say they will not pay union men for doing nothing when their idleness is enforced by strikers to whom they are giving aid and encouragement. In the event of a general strike of the union men the roads will be forced to employ non-union men, the roads to act in concert in securing new men and to distribute them according to the needs of individual roads.

Chief of Police McLaughrey was present at the general managers' meeting and promised aid in his power to maintain law and order. The switchmen demand that the rate of pay for day foremen be made thirty-two cents per hour; day helpers, thirty cents per hour; night foremen, thirty-four cents; night helpers, thirty-two cents, and that ten hours' work be guaranteed each crew night day. This is an advance of five cents per hour.

CARLISLE'S INTENTIONS.